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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Yohei YAMAZAWA, et al.

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FOR: PLASMA PROCESSING APPARATUS

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Applicant(s) wish to disclose the following information.

REFERENCES

- The applicant(s) wish to make of record the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed references are attached, where required, as are either statements of relevancy or any readily available English translations of pertinent portions of any non-English language references.
- A check is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

RELATED CASES

- Attached is a list of applicant's pending application(s) or issued patent(s) which may be related to the present application. A copy of the patent(s), together with a copy of the claims and drawings of the pending application(s) is attached along with PTO 1449.
- A check is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

CERTIFICATION

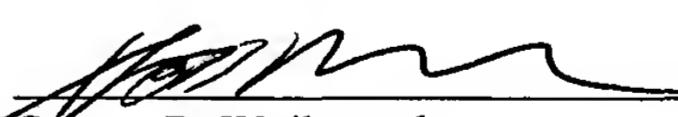
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STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY

AO: 2000-286235 This document discloses a plasma processing apparatus comprising a means for adjusting the impedance of a return current circuit. The return current circuit extends from a plasma, passes at least a chamber inner wall and returns to a high frequency power supply.

AP: 2002-343768 This document discloses a plasma processing apparatus comprising: a susceptor; an electric field generating means located at a position opposing the susceptor; and a filter, located between the susceptor and a GND point, for optimally changing circuit characteristics.

AQ: 7-297175 This document discloses a plasma processing apparatus wherein power with a relatively low frequency and power with a relatively high frequency are applied to opposing first and second electrodes through respective matching devices. An impedance component having an impedance value within a predetermined range is inserted between a GND point and a point where each electrode is connected to the corresponding matching device.

AR: 11-185998 This document discloses a plasma processing apparatus comprising: a plasma excitation electrode; a susceptor electrode; and a resonance circuit which performs series resonance with a cubic circuit including at least the susceptor electrode and a processing chamber.

AS: 58-158929 This document discloses a plasma processing apparatus comprising a pair of parallel planar electrodes. One of the electrodes is applied with high-frequency power, and the other electrode is grounded through a variable reactance element.

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